

Claims: Please enter amendments to the claims as follows.

1-10 (cancelled)

11 (cancelled and replaced with claim 21, below)

12 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim ~~11~~ 21 wherein:

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said head-support portion additionally comprises a convex cushioning portion,
on said surface opposite from said base portion, containing a deformable and
resilient filler material, whereby said convex cushioning portion
accommodates a variety of angles and positions relative to ~~the~~ said user's face,
head, and neck ~~of the user~~.

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112 13 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim ~~11~~ 21 additionally
additionally comprising:

same as claim 21?
new surface from claim 21?
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a means for wrapping around (said back) of a said seat back comprising two
straps, ~~(the two ends of said straps)~~ being attachable together with a length-
adjustable buckle.

14 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim ~~11~~ 21 wherein:

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said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion with a hinged
joint, said hinged joint being releasably locked at a chosen angle defined by
the plane of said seat back and the plane of said head-support portion whereby
said user may collapse said headrest into a smaller size for convenience in
portability, and whereby said user may chose various such angles for
positioning said head-support portion against said user's face, head, and neck.

15 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim ~~11~~ 21 wherein:

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said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion in a pivoting
means such that ~~the~~ said head-support portion may pivot to various angles

perpendicular to the plane of said seat back whereby ~~the~~ said user may chose various such angles for positioning said head-support portion against ~~the~~ said user's face, head, and neck.

112 16 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim ~~11~~ 21 wherein:
21 said head-support portion is engaged with said base portion at a substantially right angle.

112 17 (currently amended): A headrest according to claim ~~11~~ 21 wherein:

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112 18 (currently amended): A portable headrest ~~for use with and~~ adapted for detachably engaging the seat back of a chair, comprising:

- a. an inflatable structure forming, when inflated, a rigid base portion to rest against said seat back, said base portion having means for wrapping around the back of said seat back thereby releasably and securely holding said base portion against said seat back, and
- b. a rigid head-support portion ^{claiming?} (which extends far enough outward from said seat back) such that said head-support portion will provide sufficient lateral support to prevent lateral bending of ^{NAR} ~~a person's~~ said user's neck or the rolling forward of ~~his or her~~ said user's head beyond the extending dimension of said head-support portion, said head-support portion comprising a head-support surface opposite said rigid base portion such that ~~the~~ said user's head may rest laterally on the head-support surface and dorsally ~~directly~~ substantially against the plane of the front of said seat back.

19 (original): A headrest according to claim 18 wherein:

112/157 said inflatable structure comprises a substantially tear-drop shape.

20 (presently amended): A headrest according to claim 18 wherein:

112/157 said inflatable structure comprises a strap loop surrounding a strap and a slide-back stopper attached thereto, having such a shape as to prevent movement of said strap loop along said strap beyond said slide-back stopper, arranged such that ~~said strap loop~~ the weight of said user's head will exert a force such that said strap loop will engage said slide-back stopper, whereby said headrest will not move further along said strap in the direction away from said user's head.

21 (new): A portable headrest adapted for a chair having a seat back with front

and rear surfaces, comprising:

32 a. a rigid base portion to rest against said seat back, said base portion having

1 means for wrapping around said front and rear surfaces of said seat back thereby releasably and securely holding said base portion against said seat back, and

46 b. a rigid head-support portion that

(1) is connected to said base portion, (extending far enough outward from said

12/2002 seat back) and said base portion such that said head-support portion will provide sufficient lateral support to prevent lateral bending of a user's

neck or the rolling forward of his or her head beyond the extending dimension of said head-support portion, and

(2) receives said user's head on (the surface opposite from said base portion) ^{VAB}

such that the back of said user's head rests not against said base portion,

but substantially against the plane of said front surface of said seat back.

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